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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 14th May 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Dress regulations for Government servants and school children.

* 764 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to lay down any dress regulations (1) for Government servants to encourage the use of khadi and handloom cloth; and (2) for school children to have uniforms in order to remove the outward distinction of rich and poor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No such proposals are under consideration of the Government, Sir."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, during the course of the budget session, some suggestions were made on the floor of this House and I am sure the Government will consider them favourably at least to find out how far they are feasible. If khadi is supplied at a concession rate to Government servants for their genuine use without introducing any compulsion, as it will not be fair to have complusion, it will go a long way in the disposal of khadi produced at Government Khadi Centres. So far as school children in the rural parts are concerned, they are generally poor. Along with the food which the Government have been supplying to the children, if provision is made for the supply of cloth also, the children might come to the schools clad in khadi clothes."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When we supply cloth for dress, we, as far as possible, supply it in the form of khadi. So far as school children are concerned, I do not think it will be possible to lay down any compulsory rule that they should wear only dress made of khadi. Even in the supply of food, we are not meeting the needs of all students. I do not think we can supply khadi or any other cheap cloth to children free of cost."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" We read in the Press some time back that the Prime Minister of the Indian Union issued a circular that a certain form of dress must be worn by Government servants. Have this Government taken note of it and are they suggesting any form of dress for the Government servants of this State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think there is a separate question pending with regard to that. This supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question, as the main question relates to the encouragement of khadi and handlom cloth."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, கதர் உற்பத்தி சென்டர்களிலும், தேசிய விஸ்தரிப்புத் திட்டம், சமூக நலத் திட்டம் இவைகளில் வேலை செய்கின்றவர்களாவது கண்டிப்பாக கதர் உடுத்திக்கொண்டிருக்கவேண்டு மென்று அரசாங்கம் உத்திரவு பிறப்பிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" My Hon. Colleague in charge of that department is here and I hope he would have taken note of the suggestion."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHAYYA :—" Will the Government consider the undesirability of introducing any regimentation, especially for school children in respect of the dress that they should wear, as it may even affect attendance in schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not see why the hon. Member should entertain any unnecessary fear with regard to regimentation."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அனேகமாக கதரைத்தான் சர்க்கார் அதிகாரிகளுக்கு உடையாக வழங்குவதாகச் சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் நம் ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள போலீஸார்கள் யாரும் கதரில் உடை தரிப்பதில்லை. கதர் குல்லாய் போட்டுக்கொள்வதில்லை. அதற்கு மாறாக மில் துணிகளைத்தான் உபயோகப் படுத்துகிறார்கள். இனிமேலாவது அவர்கள் எல்லோரும் கதரினால் ஆன உடைகளை உபயோகிக்க சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு பிறப்பிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The suitability of the cloth also has to be considered, and cloth supplied to the Police comes from our own weaving department in the Coimbatore Jail."

Facilities given to the slum dwellers in the City.

* 765 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any facilities are afforded by the Government to slum dwellers in the City of Madras; if so, what they are;

(*b*) the amount spent by the Government for the improvement of slums and to provide facilities for the pavement dwellers in the City of Madras;

(*c*) the extent of poramboke lands in the City of Madras assigned by the Government last year to slum dwellers;

(*d*) how many slums in the City were destroyed by fire accident in 1953, the total loss incurred and the number of persons affected; and

(*e*) the total amount of relief extended to the victims referred to in clause (*d*) by the Government?